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SOURCE: CIA Justice File R-153 Memorandum by Howard J. Osborn to Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, Subj: Robert A. Maheu dated June 24, 1966.

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STAFF: Rhea

DATE: July 1, 1975

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
	Oct. 6, 1960	Special Group MONGOOSE Presidential Authorization Card 3 of 3

OCCURRENCE: (cont.)

including some [redacted] in this group and that we would talk informally to [redacted] about it. He emphasized that he was asking for no Special Group approval at this time in this specific connection."

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SOURCE:

Minutes of Special Group meeting October 6, 1960

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STAFF:

DATE: Bob Kelley
June 29, 1975

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Father Peyton Peter Grace	Dec. 5, 1960	Mongoose Special Group

OCCURRENCE: The Special Group discussed (1) [redacted]; (2) a proposal to survey the possibility of establishing a strike base in Nicaragua; (3) the necessity for the Defense Department to supply 38 military men to CIA. "Mr. Douglas questioned whether the present concept of 600 or 700 Cubans is any longer practicable. He said that it had been his understanding that the current thinking contemplated figures more on the order of 3,000." Mr. Barnes replied that the CIA believes what is required is enough individuals to serve as a rallying point for the anti-Castro elements in Cuba and thus 600 is as useful as 3,000. The CIA justified the request for 38 military men because it now believed it was necessary to train the Cubans in infantry tactics involved in a defense, in addition to the guerrilla warfare training previously contemplated.

SOURCE: Special Group meeting minutes Dec. 5, 1960

STAFF: Bob Kelley

FILE:

DATE: June 29, 1975

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
GUNN, Dr. Edward [redacted] TSD	August 16, 1960	CUBA (Lethal Cigars)

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OCCURRENCE: CARD 1 of 2

DR. EDWARD GUNN, Chief, Operations Division, Office of Medical Services, has a notation that on 16 August 1960, he received a box of Cuban cigars to be treated with a lethal material. (21). He understood them to be CASTRO's favorite brand. (21). GUNN's notes show that within the next month he contacted [redacted] of TSD, (Sept. 6, 1960) and gave him the box of cigars (21). [redacted] recalls "that he did contaminate a full box of 50 cigars with Botulinum Toxin, a virulent poison," (21) which would kill the intended victim upon merely putting it in the mouth. [redacted] notes showed delivery of the box on February 13, 1961, although they do not indicate to whom. (22).

FILE: 16 Report '67 7/3/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET
(See the 13 names listed below)	FEB., 1961 (APPROXIMATE)	Castro ~~CUBA~~ - PHASE I (Card 1)

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OCCURRENCE: The I.G. REPORT identified the following persons who knew, in late 1960 or early 1961, of the PHASE I plan to assassinate CASTRO:

1. ALLEN DULLES, DCI
2. GEN. C. P. CABELL, DDCI
3. RICHARD BISSELL, DD/P
4. SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, D/Security
5. JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security, the case officer
6. J. D. ESTERLINE, Chief, WH/4
7. CORNELIUS ROOSEVELT, Chief, TSD
8. RAY TREICHLER, Chemical Division, TSD
9. EDWARD GUNN, Chief, Operations Division, Medical Services
10. WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, FI/D
11. SIDNEY GOTTLIEB, Special Assistant to the DD/P (GOTTLIEB's name was encountered repeatedly in this inquiry, but he denies knowing of the operation in 1960-61.)
12. ROBERT BANNERMAN, DD/Security
13. J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He too denies knowing of the operation at the time.)

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 34-35	STAFF: Baron
FILE:	DATE: 28.6.75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
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DATE: July 1, 1975

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~~SANCHEZ~~ Samuel HALPERN AMLASH Dr. Edward GUNN ✓	Nov. 20, 1963	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

SANCHEZ reported that although AMLASH had wanted "a high-powered, silenced rifle with an effective range of hundreds or thousands of yards," (92) he decided finally that he knew, as a Doctor of Medicine, that "we could devise some technical means of doing the job that would not automatically cause him to lose his own life in the try." (92)

Samuel HALPERN and SANCHEZ requested assistance from Dr. Edward GUNN of the CIA Office of Medical Services. (92) On Nov. 20, 1963, they told GUNN that "the device for administering the poison (a ball point pen rigged as a hypodermic syringe) had to be ready in time for SANCHEZ to catch a plane at noon the next day." (93) The next day GUNN delivered to SANCHEZ a pen capable of injecting a poisonous insecticide known as "black leaf 40". (92-93)

SOURCE: IG REPORT 1967	STAFF: F Baron
FILE:	DATE: 7/1/75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Helms Harvey, Wm. Gunn, Dr. Edward Treichler, Ray	5/25/67	CASTRO

OCCURRENCE: The memorandum of April 25, 1967 which introduces the IG's Report on assassination plotting in relation to FIDEL CASTRO indicates that the only written records which served as a basis for the IG Report were: Notes of William Harvey; Records of Dr. Edward Gunn (Office of Medical Services; and, brief records of Ray Treichler (of TSD). Some operational files were also used. For the most part, the Inspector General's office relied upon information given to us orally by people who's memories are fogged by time. (1)

"We interviewed everyone whom we could identify as likely to be knowledgeable, with the exceptions of MR. DULLES and GENERAL CABELL." (2)

A complete list of the interviewees is attached to the IG Report at Tab A. "If there are significant innaccuracies in the Report they are most likely to occur in faulty ordering of the sequence of events." (2).

SOURCE: IG Report/1967

STAFF: Baron

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
[redacted] Harvey Bissell Kennedy, Robert HALPERN	1961 October	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

Halpern testified that in the fall of 1961 he attended a meeting with Bissell and [redacted] was the Branch Chief (8). The meeting occured in the middle of Oct. of 1961. Bissell stated at the meeting that he had recently "been chewed out in the cabinet room of the White House by both the President and the Attorney General for, as he put it, sitting on his ass and not doing anything about getting rid of Castro and the Castro regime. His orders to both [redacted] and to me were to plan an operation to accomplish that end." (8) Halpern testified that no limitations were put on the term "get rid of". Nothing was forbidden (8). The meeting involved only general discussions and not tactics.

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SOURCE: Halpern 6/18/75

STAFF: Rhea

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DATE: 7/1/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Halpern, Gen Lansdale, Bissell, [redacted]	Oct 1961	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

Shortly after ~~his~~ Halpern's meeting with Bissell, Hapern, and [redacted] were introduced to Gen Lansdale who was the new Chief of Operations for an effort to remove ~~in~~ the Castro regime. The initial meeting was concerned with only organizational matters.

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SOURCE:	Halpern 6/18/75	STAFF:	Shea
FILE:		DATE:	7/1/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
[redacted] Harvey Halpern Helms MCCONE	Dec 1961	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

[redacted] sometime in Dec of 1961, described to Halpern a meeting at the director's office in which McCone had stated that Helms would henceforth "be his man on Cuba." (13) [redacted] told Halpern that Helms had no inkling that he would be appointed head of the Cuban operations before this meeting (13). Sometime after the meeting Helms came to [redacted] office, checked into the organization of [redacted] operations and directed that Cuba would be a separate activity and no longer part of the WH Division (14).

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SOURCE: Halpern 6/18/75

STAFF: Rhea

FILE:

DATE: 7/1/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
FITZGERALD, Desmond HALPERN, Sam ✓ [redacted]	Early 1963	CASTRO

OCCURRENCE:

DESMOND FITZGERALD originated a scheme to assassinate CASTRO: "The idea was to taken an unusually spectacular sea shell that would be certain to catch CASTRO's eye, load it with an explosive trigger(d) to blow when the shell was lifted, and submerge it in an area where CASTRO often went skin diving." (77). FITZGERALD explored this idea at several sessions with SAM HALPERN and [redacted] but it was ultimately dismissed as impractical. (77).

DISCOVERY LEADS: Note: There is no indication that FITZGERALD told anyone above him in the CIA hierarchy of this plan.

SOURCE: IG REPORT, 1967

STAFF: ~~JFD~~ Baron

FILE:

DATE: 6/29/75

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SOURCE: IG REPORT 1967

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STAFF: F Baron

DATE: 7/1/75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
KING, J. C. IG REPORT BISSELL HALPERN ✓ HARVEY EDWARDS	May 23, 1967	CASTRO

OCCURRENCE:

The following sources of information were used in preparing the IG REPORT of 1967: (1) Files: Furnished for review by the Director of Security, the Deputy Director for Support, the General Counsel, the Legislative Counsel, the Chief of WH Division, and by Col. J. C. KING, former Chief of WH Division. Also, the Director of Central Reference furnished biographic files and intelligence publications. (2) Interviews: Desmond Fitzgerald, Sam Halpern, [redacted] J. C. King, Alfonso Rodriguez, J. D. Esterline, Edward Gunn, Howard Osborn, James O'Connell, Sidney Gottlieb, Sheffield Edwards, Richard Bissell, Lawrence Houston, [redacted] John Warner, [redacted] William Harvey, Cornelius Roosevelt, Robert Bannerman [redacted] Richard Ober.

SOURCE: IG REPORT, 1967

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STAFF: Baron

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
SPECIAL GROUP AUGMENTED, MONGOOSE, LANSDALE, TAYLOR, JOHNSON, GIL-PATRICK, MCCONE, RFK, LEMNITZER Harris Craig	June 27, 1962 ~~June 21-23, 1962~~ 7/1/62 6/21-23/62	Special Group Augmented MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: One infiltration team introduced into Oriente Province on June 4 and 5, 1962 reported that Cuban security measures made operations in that area difficult. Raul Castro on June 25 reported that the four had been captured and two had been executed, but to this date the report is not accepted as fact. June 21-22, 1962 a Marine operation to emplace a cache of arms and demolitions was accomplished without incident. The defector, Roig, has begun to provide names of other Cuban G-2 personnel abroad. Effective July 1, 1962 Brig. Gen. B.T. Harris, U.S. Army will replace Brig. Gen. Craig as DOD operations representative.

SOURCE: Memorandum for the Special Group Augmented from Lansdale re: Operation MONGOOSE, June 27, 1962 (00399-00400)

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STAFF: di Genova

DATE: July 1, 1975

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HARVEY, William ~~Win, K. J.~~ QJWIN [redacted]		EXECUTIVE ACTION

OCCURRENCE:

HARVEY testified that Q.J.Win was an agent that he considered for possible use and used for a limited period through [redacted] for the spotting of individuals with criminal and underworld connections in Europe for possible multipurpose use, none of whom were ever advised of the use. (50) Or were ever used.

When HARVEY was asked if the multipurpose use included assassination, he stated that if he had ever been directly ordered to perform an assassination, he would have considered the people spotted by Q.J.Win as possibilities. (50) He testified that before someone would have actually been approached to carry out that operation, there would have been a long period of assessment and cross checks. As far as he knew, the particular spotting mechanism never went that far. So far as HARVEY could recall K.J.Win was used only once in connection with an operation in the Congo, which was not an assassination operation. (51)

SOURCE: HARVEY TESTIMONY June 25, 1975, pp. 50-51	STAFF: Rhea
FILE:	DATE: 30.6.75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Helms, Richard ✓ Harvey, Mr. ✓		Castro

OCCURRENCE: Helms testified that he does not recall whether he selected Harvey to head the Cuban operation, but ~~that~~ he did certainly approve Harvey's selection. Prior to receiving the commitment Harvey had been in charge of a staff in the foreign intelligence staff whose function was to mount operations against [redacted] (49-50)

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SOURCE: Helms 6/13/75

FILE:

STAFF: Rhea

DATE: 6/28/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
HARVEY, William		

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OCCURRENCE:

HARVEY testified that during World War II he worked on counterespionage matters with the FBI, having entered the Bureau as a Special Agent in 1940. He continued in that job until 1947, when he joined the CIA as the head of the Soviet Intelligence Branch. Between 1947 and 1952, he worked on Soviet counterespionage and special operations in the Department of Plans. Between 1952 and 1959, he was in Berlin as [redacted] for the CIA. He was instrumental in the Berlin tunnel operation. In 1959, he became Chief of the Foreign Intelligence Staff Division, D. This is the Division which is responsible [redacted] Operations of Staff D [redacted] entry, intercepting couriers, monitoring of communications, and microwave.

SOURCE: HARVEY TESTIMONY, June 25, 1975, pp. 5-9	STAFF: Rhea
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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
HARVEY, William ✓ O'DONNELL, Justin BISSELL, Richard		LUMUMBA

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OCCURRENCE:

HARVEY testified that he worked with a man called JUSTIN O'DONNELL in Staff [illegible] stated that O'DONNELL came to him and said that he had been approached by RICHARD BISSELL, who was then the Deputy Director of Plans (DD/P) to undertake an operation in the Congo, one of the objectives of which was the elimination of PATRICE LUMUMBA. HARVEY testified that O'DONNELL told him that he had declined to undertake this assignment.

HARVEY testified that he subsequently had a conversation with BISSELL, in which BISSELL stated that he had requested O'DONNELL to undertake such an operation. (9-10)

HARVEY testified that he did not know about any steps undertaken on behalf of the Agency in connection with any proposals to eliminate LUMUMBA. (10)

SOURCE: HARVEY TESTIMONY, June 25, 1975 (pp. 9-10)

STAFF: Rhea

FILE:

DATE: 30.6.75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
HARVEY, WILLIAM ✓ [redacted] KUBARK	~~Spring, '61~~ ~~1/61~~ Jan. 26, 1961	EXECUTIVE ACTION

OCCURRENCE: Harvey was asked about notes written by him and [redacted] from their meeting in January of 1961, concerning Executive Action. One portion of the notes stated, "Be within KUBARK, one focal point for control, search, training, case officering, etc. -- GDP authority in this focal point mandatory. DCI officially advised?" (57) Harvey testified that he did not know whether the DCI was advised, that he had been asked to create a capability for Executive Action and had taken certain steps to have an assessment of assets in that connection.(57) Harvey clarified that the wording of the memo probably meant that consideration should be given to the question of how, whether and under what circumstances the DCI should be officially advised of his program, "I want to make it clear that this in no way means he should be advised. He should not be advised, he should never be advised, he should always be advised." (59). He testified that this matter would have been brought up again at any time the Executive Action Project led to specific targeting or specific operation or specific [illegible] for that purpose. (59)

SOURCE: HARVEY TESTIMONY, June [illegible], [illegible], pp. [illegible]

STAFF: Rhea

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PERSONS/ENTITIES: HARVEY ✓

DATES: Jan 26, 1961

CATEGORIES: EXECUTIVE ACTION

ZR Rifle

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OCCURRENCE:

"Harvey's hadwritten notes entitled Project Zrriffle (exhibit 1) state "Objectives".
The objectives of this project is the procurement of [redacted]. Since these requirements are subject to frequent revision, no listing of targets would be valid for the duration of the project. Specific operations will be mounted on the basis of need and opportunity. The Project will be conducted by division D with assistance from area divisions and stations as needed." (exhibht 1)
Harvey testified that his notes didnot cite assassination or assassination capability as an objective of project Zrriffle. However, assassination was a contemplated purpose of the project. If an agent had been recruited for assassination he would have been recruited under the cover [redacted] (49)

SOURCE: Harvey 6/25/75

STAFF: Rhea

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
HARVEY ✓	Jan 26, 1961	EXECUTIVE ACTION ZR Rifle

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OCCURRENCE:

The notes in Harvey's handwriting entitled Project Zrriffle state "3. Background: In response to the increasing requirements for the operational procurement of foreign code and cipher materials, division D in 1960 began spotting of agent assets as a developmental activity. During the same period requirements from NSA became more refined and in many respects more sentative because most agencies are not equipped to conduct this type of operation, and because of the desirability to completely centralize control over this entire effort, it was determined that division d which was the closest touch with NSA on procurement requirements, could best conduct the activity. The spotting activity has now advanced far enough to justify removing from the OOA category. (exhibit 1, page 1 - 2)

SOURCE:	STAFF:
FILE: Harvey 6/25/75	Rhea DATE: 6/30/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
HARVEY, William ✓ SILVER, Arnold BISSELL, Richard	26 Jan. 1961	EXECUTIVE ACTION

OCCURRENCE:

HARVEY testified that he had a conversation with ARNOLD SILVER about the EXECUTIVE ACTION project on January 26, 1961, after HARVEY and BISSELL had already discussed the matter. (52) HARVEY testified that he learned early in the operation that BISSELL had discussed the question of assassination with ARNOLD SILVER. (52)

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SOURCE: HARVEY TESTIMONY, June 25, 1975, p. 52	STAFF: Rhea
FILE:	DATE: 30.6.75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Silver, Arnold Harvey, William ✓ Bissell, Richard	1/26/61	EXECUTIVE ACTION

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SOURCE: HARVEY TESTIMONY, June 25, 1975, p. 52

STAFF: Rhea

FILE:

DATE: 6/30/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES: HARVEY ✓, K. G. WIN

DATES: Jan.26, 1961

CATEGORIES: EXECUTIVE ACTION ZR Rifle

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OCCURRENCE:

Harvey's handwritten notes eneitled Project Zrriffle state "4. Operational Assets: (1) personnel: K.G. Win is under written contact as a principal agent, with the primary task of spotting agent candidates. K.G. Win was first contacted in 1958 to the Chief of the Luxembourgis by the chief of station, Luxembourg , in connection with illegal narcotics operation into the United States. For a period of a year and a half he was contacted spqreatically by COS, Luxembourg, in behalf of the Bureau of Narcotics. Files of this Bureau reflect an excellent performance by K. G. Win. In October 1960:

K. G. Win annual salary $7,200
Travel and OBS expenses for K. G. Win and other agents and agent candidates $2,000
Fees for services by and standby of agents and agent candidates $2,000
~~Travel of staff employees engaged in Zrriffle $2,000~~
Hire of safe houses and other automobile expenses $1,000
Total $14,700

SOURCE: (Harvey Exhibit 1, pages 1 - 3)

FILE: Harvey 6/27/75

STAFF: Rhea

DATE: 6/30/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:		DATES:	CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET
BISSELL, Richard ✓	O'DONNELL, Justin	FEB. ~~May~~ 1961	EXECUTIVE ACTION/ZRRIFLE
HARVEY, William ✓	BRECKENRIDGE, S.		CONGO
[redacted]	HELMS, Richard		TOP SECRET
SILVER, Arnold	QJWIN		
LUMUMBA, Patrice			

OCCURRENCE:

The EXECUTIVE ACTION program authorized by BISSELL and run by WILLIAM HARVEY "came to be known as ZRRIFLE. Its principal asset was an agent, QJWIN, who had been recruited earlier by ARNOLD SILVER for use in a special operation in the Congo (the assassination of PATRICE LUMUMBA) to be run by JUSTIN O'DONNELL. (O'DONNELL made a survey of the scene, decided he wanted no part in that assassination attempt, and asked to be released -- which BISSELL granted.)" (38)

NOTE: In the copy of the I.G. REPORT provided to the Committee, which was, according to EARMAN's cover memorandum the ribbon copy, which was the only text of the report in existence, the phrase in the above paragraph "(the assassination of PATRICE LUMUMBA)" was crossed out. S. BRECKENRIDGE indicated to the Committee that this phrase was crossed out by RICHARD HELMS when he read the report. Why?

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, p. 38	STAFF: Baron
FILE:	DATE: 28.6.75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
BRECKINRIDGE, SCOTT	2/61	CASTRO
HARVEY, WILLIAM ✓		EXECUTIVE ACTION/ZRRIFLE

OCCURRENCE: Breckinridge testified that from his review of the files of Project ZRRIFLE, the "controlling character" (80) of the Project was to steal codes rather than to develop the capability for assassination. (80)

Breckeinridge testified that on the face of the documents relating to Project ZRRIFLE, the Project was only directed at stealing codes. The fact that it related to developing the capability to assassinate came out in interviews with William Harvey. (81)

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SOURCE: BRECKINRIDGE testimony, 6/2/75	STAFF: WALLACH
FILE:	DATE: 7/5/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET
BISSELL, Richard HARVEY ✓ WHITE HOUSE [redacted] GOTTLIEB, Sidney	February 1961 (HARVEY's rough estimate)	EXECUTIVE ACTION / ZRRIFLE CASTRO ~~[illegible]~~ CONGO

OCCURRENCE:

BISSELL assigns to HARVEY / the developing of "an EXECUTIVE ACTION capability, i.e., a general stand-by capability to carry out assassinations when required." (37)

"HARVEY's notes quote BISSELL as saying, 'The WHITE HOUSE has twice urged me to create such a capability.' BISSELL recalls discussing the question of developing a general capability with HARVEY." (37)

"HARVEY says that BISSELL had already discussed certain aspects of the problem with [redacted] and with SIDNEY GOTTLIEB." (37-38).

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SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 37-38

STAFF: Baron

FILE:

DATE: 28.6.75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

HELMS, Richard

DATES:

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CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

OCCURRENCE: (continued from card 1)

HARVEY used SILVER in developing the EXECUTIVE ACTION capability (38).

RUGS states that
Sometime shortly after this initial meeting, and while HARVEY was still discussing the development of EXECUTIVE ACTION with BISSELL, "he briefed Mr. HELMS fully on the general concept but without mention of the then on-going plan to assassinate CASTRO." (38)

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SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 37-38

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STAFF: Baron

DATE: 28.6.75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET
(See the 13 names listed below)	FEB., 1961 (APPROXIMATE)	~~CUBA~~ – PHASE I (Card 1)

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OCCURRENCE: The I.G. REPORT identified the following persons who knew, in late 1960 or early 1961, of the PHASE I plan to assassinate CASTRO:

1. ALLEN DULLES, DCI
2. GEN. C. P. CABELL, DDCI
3. RICHARD BISSELL, DD/P
4. SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, D/Security
5. JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security, the case officer
6. J. D. ESTERLINE, Chief, WH/4
7. CORNELIUS ROOSEVELT, Chief, TSD
8. RAY TREICHLER, Chemical Division, TSD
9. EDWARD GUNN, Chief, Operations Division, Medical Services
10. WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, FI/D
11. SIDNEY GOTTLIEB, Special Assistant to the DD/P (GOTTLIEB's name was encountered repeatedly in this inquiry, but he denies knowing of the operation in 1960-61.)
12. ROBERT BANNERMAN, DD/Security
13. J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He too denies knowing of the operation at the time.)

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 34-35

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PERSONS/ENTITIES: (See list of names below.)

DATES: Apr 17, '61 –

CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET

~~CUBA~~ CASTRO – SYNDICATE/PHASE II -- KNOWLEDGE OF PHASE II

CARD 1 of 3

OCCURRENCE: The list of persons with knowledge of PHASE II of the CASTRO ASSASSINATION OPERATION differs from those who knew of PHASE I. Those with knowledge of PHASE II are:

1. RICHARD HELMS, DD/P
2. WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, Task Force W
3. JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security (He knows that Harvey took over the operation and delivered pills, arms, and equipment in April 1962. He does not know of developments after May 1962.)
4. SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, D/Security (He knows of the fact of the turnover to HARVEY, but states he knows nothing of developments thereafter.)
5. J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He stated in our interview with him that he knew that HARVEY was having meetings with members of the gambling syndicate in 1962.)
6. BRUCE CHEEVER, HARVEY's deputy in 1962 (CHEEVER knows that HARVEY was meeting with gansters in Reno (sic) in the winter of 1962.)
7. TED SHACKLEY, Chief, JMWAVE (He assisted HARVEY in the delivery of arms and equipment to VARONA in April 1962, but presumably did not know the identities of the recipients nor (con't.)

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967 p. 55 - 56

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
(Same instruction as card 1.)	Apr 17, '61	CARD 2 of 3

OCCURRENCE:

SHACKLEY, cont: the purpose for which the material was to be used.)
8. RAY TREISCHLER, TSD (TREISCHLER's participation was limited to furnishing the pills to O'CONNELL on 18 April 1962.)
9. ANTONIO VARONA, the Cuban exile leader (He presumably was not aware of government sponsorship.)
10. VARONA'S SON-IN-LAW (He too was presumably not aware of government's role.)
11. MACEO, ROSELLI's "Man" (MACEO probably knew there was a government connection, but may not have identified CIA as the agency.)

(con't.)

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SOURCE:

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DATE:

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
[redacted] Harvey Bissell Kennedy, Robert HALPERN	~~Fall~~ 1961 October	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

Halpern testified that in the fall of 1961 he attended a meeting with Bissell and [redacted] [redacted] was the Branch Chief (8). The meeting occured in the middle of Oct. of 1961. Bissell stated at the meeting that he had recently "been chewed out in the cabinet room of the White House by both the President and the Attorney General for, as he put it, sitting on his ass and not doing anything about getting rid of Castro and the Castro regime. His orders to both [redacted] and to me ~~for~~ were to plan an operation to accomplish that end." (8) Halpern testified that no limitations were put on the term "get rid of". Nothing was forbidden (8). The meeting involved only general discussions and not tactics.

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SOURCE: Halpern 6/18/75

STAFF: Rhea

FILE:

DATE: 7/1/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
[redacted] Harvey ✓ Halpern Helms McCONE	Dec 1961	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

[redacted], sometime in Dec of 1961, described to Halpern a meeting at the director's office in which McCone had stated that Helms would henceforth "be his man on Cuba." (13) [redacted] told Halpern that Helms had no inkling that he would be appointed head of the Cuban operations before this meeting (13). Sometime after the meeting Helms came to [redacted]'s office, checked into the organization of [redacted]'s operations and directed that Cuba would be a separate activity and no longer part of the WH Division (14).

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SOURCE: Halpern 6/18/75

STAFF: Shea

FILE:

DATE: 7/1/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
HARVEY, LANSDALE Roig, Pedro	June 19, 1962	MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: It was agreed that Harvey was to work towards reaching a stage in the interrogation of Pedro Roig, the Cuban economic official who defected to Mexico, where he can be surfaced to make public charges of Cuban Communist operations against Latin American nations. Harvey was to generate a story from Cuban refugee sources that the original Cardenas incident consisted of a demonstration concerning the shortage of food. This was to cause ridicule of the Communist regime's use of MIGs, tanks and troops against the unarmed people of Cardenas. "The Cuban source to story need not await your determination of the true cause of the Cardenas demonstration."

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SOURCE: Memorandum for William Harvey, CIA, from Lansdale, re: Impact Actions, 19 June 1962 (00395)

FILE:

STAFF: di Genova

DATE: July 1, 1975

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
MCCONE, HARVEY, [redacted]	July 10, 1962 ~~June 11, 1962~~ ~~July 1, 1962~~ ~~May 1962~~	MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: Efforts were made to establish contact with Juana Castro Rug, half sister of Fidel and Raul Castro Ruz, because she opposed the strong Communist nature of the Cuban regime. According to [redacted], she contacted Ruz and obtained [redacted] agreement to provide intelligence on the Cuban political leadership and to work against the Cuban Communist regime, "short of engaging in activity which might result in direct personal harm [redacted] Arrangements were being made for direct recruitment of [redacted] in Mexico.

SOURCE: Memorandum for McCone from William Harvey re: [redacted], 10 July 1962 (02561)

FILE:

STAFF: di Genova

DATE: July 1, 1975

PERSONS/ENTITIES: KIRKPATRICK

William Harvey — DDP
Gen. Lansdale — Mr. Halpern
Walter Elder — CHEEVER
DCI

DATES: 11/14/62
Nov. 21, 1962
10/30/62

CATEGORIES:

Special Group Augmented
Operation Mongoose
Cuba

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SOURCE:

Memorandum dated Nov. 21, 1962 (01151)

FILE:

STAFF: Paul Wallach

DATE: July 1, 1975

PERSONS/ENTITIES:		DATES:	CATEGORIES:
William Harvey	KIRKPATRICK DDP	11/14/62	Special Group Augmented
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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET
HARVEY, William ✓ Chief, FI Staff, CIA QJWIN	27 June 1963 ~~21 April 1964~~	EXECUTIVE ACTION

OCCURRENCE:

HARVEY writes a memorandum to the Chief, FI Staff, "stating that the original justification for employing QJWIN no longer existed." (41) ~~On 21 April 1964 QJWIN was terminated by~~ [redacted]

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SOURCE:	I.G. REPORT 1967, p. 41	STAFF:	Baron
FILE:		DATE:	28.6.75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
KING, J. C. IG REPORT BISSELL HALPERN HARVEY ✓ EDWARDS	May 23, 1967	CASTRO

OCCURRENCE:

The following sources of information were used in preparing the IG REPORT of 1967: (1) Files: Furnished for review by the Director of Security, the Deputy Director for Support, the General Counsel, the Legislative Counsel, the Chief of WH Division, and by Col. J. C. KING, former Chief of WH Division. Also, the Director of Central Reference furnished biographic files and intelligence publications. (2) Interviews: Desmond Fitzgerald, Sam Halpern, Bruce Cheever, J. C. King, Alfonso Rodriguez, J. D. Esterline, Edward Gunn, Howard Osborn, James O'Connell, Sidney Gottlieb, Sheffield Edwards, Richard Bissell, Lawrence Houston, Ray Treichler, John Warner, [redacted] William Harvey, Cornelius Roosevelt, Robert Bannerman, Henry Bortner, Richard Ober.

SOURCE: IG REPORT, 1967

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STAFF: Baron

DATE: 7/2/75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Helms Harvey, Wm Gunn, Dr. Edward [redacted]	5/25/67	CASTRO

OCCURRENCE: The memorandum of April 25, 1967 which introduces the IG's Report on assassination plotting in relation to FIDEL CASTRO indicates that the only written records which served as a basis for the IG Report were: Notes of William Harvey; Records of Dr. Edward Gunn (Office of Medical Services; and, brief records of [redacted] (of TSD). Some operational files were also used. For the most part, the Inspector General's office relied upon information given to us orally by people who's memories are fogged by time. (1)

"We interviewed everyone whom we could identify as likely to be knowledgeable, with the exceptions of MR. DULLES and GENERAL CABELL." (2)

A complete list of the interviewees is attached to the IG Report at Tab A. "If there are significant innaccuracies in the Report they are most likely to occur in faulty ordering of the sequence of events." (2).

SOURCE: IG Report/1967	STAFF: Baron
FILE:	DATE:

PERSONS/ENTITIES:		DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Edwards	Gomez	11/62	Castro
King	Holcomb ✓		
Bannerman	O'Connell		

OCCURRENCE:

O'Connell testified that when EDWARDS was on leave, once, KING spoke to Robert BANNERMAN (Who was not witting of Castro project) and O'Connell had to tell BANNERMAN that B. was not "privy" to project. O'Connell was embarassed. (Tr. 36, 99-100). No one but KING, not Gomez or Holcombe, knew (100)

SOURCE:

Testimony of James P. O'Connell, 5/30/75

FILE:

STAFF:

John Bayly

DATE: 6/30/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
HOUSTON ✓	'50-'60 '60's assume one date	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

Houston testified that he cannot remember that his legal advice as to not continuing a project was ever rejected by CIA, (47) although Houston recalls vetoing two propositions: [redacted] (47-7).

SOURCE:
Testimony of Lawrence Houston, 6/2/75

FILE:

STAFF:
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DATE:
6/30/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:		DATES:	CATEGORIES:
BUNDY KILPATRICK MCCONE HUGHES ✓	COL. KING	June 20,1963	DUVALIER Special Group

OCCURRENCE:

On June 20, 1963the Special Group approved a CIA paper dated June 1970 regarding political action in Haita. (The substance of the paper is not expressed). "Mr. MCCONE said he has some reservations about the quality of any possible replacements for DUVALIER but agreed that it is necessary to take some action in order to prevent Haiti eventually going very far to the left. Colonel KING... said that in his opinion, we have no feasible alternatives to cooperate with BOSCH in attempting to unseat DUVALIER...

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SOURCE:

Minutesof Special Group meeting June 20, 1963

FILE:

STAFF: Kelley

DATE: 6/28/75

PERSONS/ENTITIES:			DATES:	CATEGORIES:
MCCONE	FITZGERALD	HUGHES	8/19/64	SGA
BUNDY	PAPICH	BOSCH, JOSE	7/30/64	MONGOOSE
JESSUP	RFK		6/10/64	CASTRO
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